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SUBJECT: JAPANESE SCIENTIST INVITED TO INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF
ENTOMOLOGY IN AUGUST 1976

1. DR. TSUTOMU ODA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ZOOLOGY,

NAGASAKI UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, WAS INVITED TO ATTEND XV
CONGRESS OF ENTOMOLOGY AUGUST 19-27, 1976 WASHINGTON, D.C. TO
PRESENT PAPER ON HIS WORK WITH OVERWINTERING OF JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS
VIRUS. INVITATION DATED MARCH 20, 1975 ISSUED BY ERNEST C. BAY,
SECRETARY GENERAL, ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, BOX 151, COLLEGE PARK,
MARYLAND 20740.

2. DR. ODA SUBSEQUENTLY WAS INFORMED THAT NO RPT NO MONEY AVAILABLE
FROM ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR HIS TRAVEL AND STAY IN US.

3. BEING ANXIOUS TO ATTEND CONGRESS, ODA WROTE TO BUREAU OF
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ON OCTOBER 23,
1975 INQUIRING ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF US GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR HIS
PARTICIPATION IN CONGRESS. LETTER AS WELL AS ENCLOSURES (COPY
OF CURRICULUM VITAE AND LIST OF PUBLISHED PAPERS) SENT BACK
UNANSWERED (USUAL PRACTICE) TO USIS EMBASSY TOKYO, WHICH THEN
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4. ACCORDING TO DR. ODA, CHANCES OF HIS RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM JAPANESE SOURCES ARE VERY SMALL, ALTHOUGH HE IS APPLYING TO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDS TO COVER TRAVELS TO AND FROM US AND STAY THERE.

5. DR. ODA'S PRESENT WORKING PROJECTS INCLUDE STUDIES ON FOLLICULAR DEVELOPMENT AND OVERWINTERING OF HOUSE MOSQUITO, CONTROL EXPERIMENTS OF FILARIASIS IN JAPAN, SUSCEPTIBILITY OF DIROFILARIA IMMITIS LARVAE TO MOSQUITOES AND ECOLOGY OF VECTOR MOSQUITOES OF JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS, ESPECIALLY OF CULEX TRITAENIORHYNCHUS SUMMOROSUS. BORN 1937 IN JAPAN, DR. ODA BECAME RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ZOOLOGY, NAGASAKI UNIVERSITY OF SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HAS BEEN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT SAME UNIVERSITY SINCE 1972. IN 1970 AND 1974, HE WAS RESEARCH FELLOW IN ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION TROPEN INSTITUTE IN HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY. HE HAS PUBLISHED ABOUT 30 RESEARCH PAPERS IN PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS IN JAPAN IN PAST 12 YEARS.

6. SINCE HIS WORK RELATES TO MEDICAL ZOOLOGY IN PARTICULAR AND HEALTH OF MAN IN GENERAL, WE WONDER IF IT IS POSSIBLE FOR DHEW TO SUPPORT HIS PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT CONGRESS EVEN PARTIALLY, THAT IS, TO PROVIDE HIM WITH FUNDS TO COVER TRAVEL.

7. DR. ANDREW SPIELMAN AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN DR. ODA'S WORK AND VISIT TO HARVARD IS PART OF DR. ODA'S PLAN. DR. ODA IS FORWARDING HIS PAPERS TO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ANYWAY.

8. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DHEW LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF SUPPORTING DR. ODA'S PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT CONGRESS IF CONSONANT WITH AGENCY'S PROGRAMMATIC INTERESTS.
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